

SENATE, No. 318

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Senators SCOTT and SACCO

1 AN ACT requiring cross-acceptance of certain regional master plans
2 and supplementing P.L.1968, c.404 (C.13:17-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

8 a. In enacting the "State Planning Act," in 1985, the Legislature
9 recognized the urgent importance of developing a Statewide plan as
10 a tool for assessing suitable locations for infrastructure, housing,
11 economic growth and conservation;

12 b. At that time, the Legislature recognized the vital importance of
13 a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of
14 State, county and local governments as well as other public and private
15 sector interests to enhance prudent and rational development,
16 redevelopment and conservation policies and the formulation of sound
17 and consistent regional plans and planning criteria;

18 c. When the Legislature adopted the "State Planning Act," it was
19 considered prudent to incorporate the master plan of the Hackensack
20 Meadowlands Development Commission by reference, thereby
21 recognizing the existing planning process in the meadowlands district
22 and preventing a duplication of efforts;

23 d. Since the overwhelming majority of New Jersey land use
24 planning and development review occurs at the local level, it is
25 important to provide local officials in this State with the input into
26 regional planning decision making; and

27 e. Recognizing the vital importance of local elected and appointed
28 officials in delineating regional growth objectives and identifying
29 strategies to achieve them, and in light of the successful experience
30 with cross-acceptance in developing the State and Redevelopment
31 Plan, it is fitting and appropriate that the Legislature extend the
32 cross-acceptance process to include master plans adopted by the
33 Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission.

1 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1968, c.404 (C.13:17-1
2 et seq.) or any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, upon the
3 preparation and adoption of the master plan by the commission
4 pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1968, c.404 (C.13:17-9), the commission
5 shall negotiate plan cross-acceptance among the planning boards of the
6 municipalities within the district. The process for cross-acceptance
7 shall follow that process set forth in subsection b. of section 7 of
8 P.L.1985, c.398 (C.52:18A-202) for the adoption of the State
9 Development and Redevelopment Plan, except that the agent for
10 cross-acceptance shall be the planning board of each municipality
11 within the district. In the event that there are any areas of
12 disagreement over the plan, the plan shall not be implemented until the
13 areas of agreement have been resolved.

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15 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall affect any master
16 plan adopted by the commission after January 1, 1995.

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STATEMENT

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21 Recognizing the success of cross-acceptance in developing the
22 State Development and Redevelopment Plan and the vital role played
23 by local officials in developing strategies to guide future land use in
24 the State, this bill establishes a cross-acceptance process for any
25 master plan adopted by the Hackensack Meadowlands Development
26 Commission after January 1, 1995.

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31 Requires cross-acceptance of Hackensack Meadowlands Development
32 District master plan.